

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A photoreceptor including an electroconductive substrate, a photosensitive layer located overlying the substrate, and a protective layer overlying the photosensitive layer, wherein
5 the photoreceptor has a property such that when the photoreceptor is charged so as to have a potential of - 700 V and then exposed to light with exposure of $0.4 \mu\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$, the potential (PL) of a lighted portion of the photoreceptor decreases at a rate not greater than 700 V/sec during a time
10 period of from a time 35 msec after the exposure to the transition time of the photoreceptor. An image forming apparatus and a process cartridge including the photoreceptor are also provided.

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